Testimonial Banquet

Honoring

Missionary Beatrice T. French

Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteous, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

Psalms 15:1-2

Friday, August 17, 1990

6:30 in the evening

H's Lordships
199 Seawall Drive
Berkeley Marina
Berkeley, CA

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Psalms 34:1

A SIXTY YEAR AUTOBIOGRAPHY (1930-1990) in the Church of God in Christ

It was a beautiful Sunday in the month of August (August 12, 1917) when Beatrice French was born in Lockart, Texas to the proud parents of Cicero and Lucy Dukes and they saw fit to name their bundle of joy "Beatrice". Whether or not they took the name for a Florentine woman immortalized in Dante's Vita Nuova and Divina Commedia (which was a Doctoral thesis in the 16th - 18th century) or from the witty heroine in Shakespere's "Much ado Nothing", nevertheless, the name is synonymous with her unique personality "BE-A-TRICE" . . . BE-A- "BRIEF SPACE OF TIME".

At an early age of 13 (1930), God saved and sanctified Beatrice and filled her with his precious Holy Ghost under the leadership of the late Bishop M.G. Grady where she served God faithfully. Her academic learning carried her through Lockart High School (1935) and on to higher scholastic training, thus, attending Tillatson College in Austin, Texas. In 1935, she became a member of the Comal Street Church of God in Christ under the leadership of the late B. J. Wood, Pastor. There she served with the Usher Board and was an active member of the Art Circle Club.

It was in the year of 1946 that Beatrice French relocated to San Francisco, California and united as a member of the Emanuel Church of God in Christ under the leadership of the late Bishop E. E. Hamilton of whom she was well acquainted with previously while living in Texas. Immediately, she began to work and served on the Usher Board. With her great ability as a leader, and a keen musical talent, she was appoint President of the Senior Choir called the "Voices of Emanuel" known as the Radio Choir of the Bay Area (as attested by a portrait still hanging in the Social Hall of the Emanuel Church of God in Christ, 1649 Hayes Street, San Francisco). The choir was heard every Sunday night and known by it's Theme song, "When the Roll is Called in Heaven". Also, this Choir with President French singing "These Are They" and Sister Lottie Peavey singing "Sin Is The Blame" touched and reached out to may hearts over 14 years. Later, Beatrice succeeded Sister Flora Evans (Dr. Flora Evans Sanford) as President of the Federation of Choirs in the Oakland/San Francisco/Richmond Areas where she supervised over 30 Choirs as they performed one Sunday every month.

In 1954, Supervisor Mattie McGlothen, appointed Beatrice French as President of the Young Women's Christian Council of Northern California. As Beatrice French was fortunate to have been employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, she was blessed to carry-out duties, non-monetary affairs and monetary obligations, traveling on her Railroad Pass, spending her own money to all Conventions of the Church of God in Christ Working with the National President Allie Crutcher and served also as a Regional President of the Young Women's Christian Council.

As the Lord's work flourished and prospered the late Bishop E.E. Hamilton, led by God Almighty, organized California Northwest Jurisdiction in the year of 1957. At that time, Mother Mattie McGlothen was appointed State Supervisor of the Women's Department and Beatrice French (by her appointment) became the President of the Young Women's Christian Council and continued to serve until 1989, concluding 35 years of loyal service.

At the same time, Beatrice French served as president of the State Workers Auxiliary of the Department of Women of California Northwest Jurisdiction until 1989, also, during this tenure, she was the Supervisor of the State Choir of said jurisdiction serving and traveling the length and breadth of the Jurisdiction with Mrs. Faidest Wagoner, Directress and Mrs. Dana Mae Diaggo Sims, Minister of Music.

In appreciation of August 25, 1979, Beatrice French said "I thank God to be with the Young Women's Christian Council..." Remember the name "BE-A-TRICE"... "BE A BRIEF SPACE OF TIME". I Cor. 3:6 & 10 states, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase". . ."According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon".

Forty-four (44) years consummates her stay in California under one Supervisor and six State Bishops. May God bless Mrs. Beatrice French.

Menu

Mixed Green Salad/House Dressing
Roast Top Sirloin of Beef
Bordelaise Sauce
Au Gratin Potatoes
Fresh Medley of Vegetables
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Tea, Milk or Ice Tea
Strawberry Swirl Cheese Cake

"Oh magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together."
Psalms 34:3

Grace.....Elder James Langston

Solo/Expressions.....Miss'y Ruth Langston

CALIFORNIA NORTHWEST STATE Y.W.C.C.

MOTTO

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. Strength and honor are her clothing and she shall rejoice in time to come.
Prov. 31:10, 25

PURPOSE

1. To cultivate within young women high standards of living for themselves and their families, as well as their community.

2. To promote the spiritual and material interest of young women in the church and community at large, teaching them to practice good will to the human race - whether great or small.

3. To cultivate within the hearts of young women a spirit of love, loyalty, meekness and courage, teaching them above all to love God and respect leadership.

4. To encourage the young women to use their various abilities in an expressional way.

5. To train the young women to give service wherever the opportunity arises, in the local church, the district, or the state.

6. To teach the young women to work together in unity toward a common goal.

Programme

Madam Mertie V. Oler
Sponsor

Dr. Faidest N. Wagoner
Toastmistress

Negro National Anthem ..... Audience

Invocation ..... Elder Philip Carter
Pastor of Perry Temple C.O.G.I.C.

Selection "Bless it Assurance" ..... Miss'y Willie B. Dorn

Welcome/The Occasion ..... Mrs. Mary Jean Sanchez

Introduction of Guest and Family ..... Expressions

Her Children ..... Mr. Ted & Mrs. Reba Turner

As a Mother ..... Mrs. Bessie Wilson

Her Labor as a Member of Emanuel C.O.G.I.C. ..... Sister Bernice Burton

Solo ..... Bro. Derrick Durham

Tribute
My Friend ..... Dr. Flora J. Evans Sanford

A Leader & Teacher of Young Women ..... Mrs. Marian Cole

Solo ..... Evangelist Rickie Hannah

Introduction of Speaker ..... Supt. Anderson Hines, Sr.

Speaker ..... Elder Jerry Macklin
Assistant Administrator CNW Jurisdiction

Presentation to Honoree ..... Madam Mertie V. Oler

Expressions from Honoree ..... Miss'y Beatrice T. French

Benediction

CALIFORNIA NORTHWEST STATE
Y.W.C.C. SONG

Chorus

We are the young women of this Christian Council, we are striving with all our might living each day by precept and example we are the young women of this Northwest State.

I

The blood of Jesus Christ sanctified me, and he filled me with the Holy Ghost. Then he placed a desire in me to live holy and be a saved woman in this Northwest State.

II

Some of these women will be Missionaries there are others who may be State Mothers but we are <u>all</u> striving to make one hundred and be saved women in this Northwest State.

III

Oh! we thank God for our State Bishop and we praise him for our State Mother. We are so happy to have such great leaders to lead the young women of this Northwest State.

Composed by: Missionary Beatrice T. French

Negro National Anthem

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of liberty
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way
Thou who hast by thy might, led us into the light
Keep us forever in the path we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God where we met Thee
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand
True to God, True to our Native land.

The Original California Northwest State Y.W.C.C. under the Leadership of Missionary Beatrice T. French.

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